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## NOTICE.

The Chicago Tribune.

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## THE STATE REVENUE LAW.

The Board for the Equalization of State Taxes has prepared and submitted to the Legislature a draft of a law which makes a book of forty pages, closely printed in small type. The bill is "for the assessment of property and for the levy and collection of taxes." It far exceeds in rapacity any of the internal revenue laws passed during the war. Without exception, it is the most objectionable law that was ever proposed, and we can imagine no act which will become so justly odious and detestable. The machinery is of the most complicated and multiform sort. It violates the sanctity of men's domestic and business affairs, exposes every person's financial transactions, requires of each person a large amount of bookkeeping and ready swearing, and will make the number of officials, and, of course, the compensation of persons collecting the revenue, twice the unnecessary ... The bill provides for the establishment of a distinct branch of the government, which may properly be styled the Grand Inquisitorial and Confiscating Office; and this department is to be clothed with powers and functions which, if enforced, would produce a revolution in Austria or Turkey.

The Auditor of State has reported that upon the receipt of the installment of the Illinois Central Railroad fund in April, 1873, there will be then in the hands of the Treasurer a sufficient fund, and more than will be needed, to pay all of the State debt then outstanding. This fund will then be free of special liens, and will form part of the general revenues of the State. By that time, also, all extraordinary expenditures on account of the new State House will have terminated, and on the 1st day of December, 1873, the State will have no occasion to collect any tax for debt, or for interest, and will have but two items of expenditure: 1. The general fund—that is, to defray the expenses of the State Government and public charities, as the same may be specifically appropriated by the Legislature, and 2. The School fund.

The present sums collected for these purposes are, in round numbers, ... has been the cost of collection. A two-mill tax, on a one-third valuation, has sufficed for the last ten years for school purposes.

The constitution provides two modes of raising revenue by taxation, and they are set forth in Section 1 of the article on revenue, as follows: ...

The State is limited in its power to tax to such sums as may be needful in addition to such revenue as it may receive otherwise. The power to tax in either of the two forms is the same, and the State may resort to either or both. Estimating the future annual cost of the government at $1,000,000, which is a large advance on the present cost, and that of the school fund at $850,000, the needs of the government will, after July, 1873, be, in round numbers, $1,850,000. To meet this the State may provide by law for the payment annually, in the form of a tax or license, upon the various business enumerated, and receive a revenue as follows: ...

This estimate is, of course, a rough one, but the probable revenue is underestimated. The insurance companies, banks, railroads, telegraphs, and all chartered companies, would pay their tax direct to the State Treasurer, and, upon his receipt, would be furnished by the Auditor with a license to do business. The local licenses would be issued by the County Treasurer, without which it would be unlawful to do business. The whole revenue would be collected at nominal cost, and, being in lieu of all taxes for real and personal property for State purposes, would be cheerfully paid by those subjected to it.

It would release every acre of land and town lot, and all improvements, and all the personal property of the people of Illinois, from taxation for State purposes, and dispense with an annual expenditure of $250,000, of all kinds, now paid for assessing and collecting, and paying over State taxes. It would put an end to all inequalities in taxation by repealing taxes. The whole business of the Board of Equalization of Taxes would be abolished, and direct taxation, being purely of a local character, could be safely left to the local authorities, who are directly responsible to the people affected by the tax.

If the Legislature has the purpose to carry out the spirit of the new constitution, it will abolish every office and tax that can be dispensed with; and there are no offices whose abolishment will be so acceptable to the people as those of Assessors and Collectors. There being no necessity for the collection of any State tax after 1873, we hope the Legislature will lay this ponderous bill, with its inquisitorial double and treble taxations, exactions, confiscations, fines, penalties, and forfeitures, on the table, leaving the present revenue laws in force until the public debt of the State is discharged.

## THE NEWS FROM HAYTI.

We have, until recently, supposed that the President's project of annexing San Domingo, however unfavorable on considered grounds, might still be carried through, by sheer force of patronage and power, combined with that perseverance which leads the President to "annihilate" ... Grant submitted gracefully to the adverse votes in Congress at the last session, and to the uniformly adverse views of the press of the Republican party, he would stand to-day unassailable as the candidate of the Republican party in 1872. Were a convention to sit to-day, an adverse vote of no small weight would be cast against him. But, should he press the Republican party into the annexation of San Domingo, with the peculiar complications with Hayti which would follow, the political consequences would be of the most serious kind.

General Schenck has adopted the wise resolution of going to England on business, and not for the sake of giving or receiving entertainments. He will tell the English people frankly that he cannot afford to compete with their "Lothairs" in giving dinners, and we venture to say they will respect him the more for his frankness, if not even for his poverty. General Schenck is not a spendthrift, has been long in public life, in the most important and responsible capacities, and, being honest, he is therefore poor. We are heartily gratified that he now goes to England on a salary which will enable him to save a few thousand dollars, with honor. His diplomacy will not be prejudiced by this resolution. Our most effective diplomats, beginning with Franklin and Jay, have been those who made their society most intellectual and least gastronomical. It is time the notion that the settlement of international differences depends on the quality of the Ambassador's wine and the frequency of his entertainments, should be done away with.

The Providence *Journal* has hitherto been, and, indeed, is still, an advocate of protection, believing, and no doubt honestly, that a high tariff is for the interest both of the capitalist and the laborer in the community it represents and in whose welfare its own is necessarily involved. We do not know that it is undergoing a change of heart, but it is fair to conclude that the *Journal* is ready to acknowledge that there is another side to the question which it will do its readers no harm to look at. If it will open its columns to such letters as that which we copy below, it will probably soon find that there are a good many manufacturers and laboring men, even in Rhode Island, whose minds are exercised on the question whether protection really protects. The letter we refer to is as follows:

*To the Editor of the Providence Journal:* ...

Statements of this sort, where alleged facts and actual localities and names are given in places of the size of Providence and Pawtucket, are easily refuted if they are not true, and, if they are true, must set a good many people to thinking as to their causes. If machine shops and factories are lying idle, and operatives are staying at home or roaming about town for want of work, as the plain result of a high tariff, the men whose capital is going to waste, and the men whose children are crying for bread, will ask for something better than theories to live on. Here is the man who wants coal, and the tariff says he must go to Pennsylvania to buy it, when, if he were permitted, he could go to Nova Scotia and buy it cheaper; here is the man who wants the raw material in metals and other things, and the tariff compels him to go South and West to purchase them, when, by going East, he could get them all at 50 to 100 per cent less; and here is the man who wants labor for his hands which he can only get from the other two when it will pay them a fair interest on their capital to use the coal and the raw materials, which now they are unable to do. The result is inevitable and obvious. The capital is taxed out of existence and the laborer starves for want of work. Or if the capital is not all destroyed it is only saved by seeking new employment; but the laborer, nevertheless, starves in the meantime, for he has nothing to live upon, while capital is in a transition condition. In any event it is the laborer who is ground up between the upper and the nether millstone.

The *Journal of Speculative Philosophy*, published in St. Louis, is one of the seven wonders of America, counting Brigham Young, the Yosemite Valley, Niagara Falls, Horace Greeley, the Mammoth Cave, and the Beecher family as the other six. It revels in that kind of abstruseness which dispels the last vestige of an idea from language, and leaves absolutely nothing but a jargon. It is one of the observations of Mr. Lewes, in his Biographical History of Philosophy, that the original founders of all schools of philosophy begin by being disgusted with the verbiage of the current philosophies of the day, and set about simplifying it, founding new schools for that purpose. But their followers soon run off into the same detestable jargon which great minds—which are always clear minds—instinctively despise. The following sample, from an article in the *Journal of Speculative Philosophy*, is absolutely unintelligible to the human mind, and clearly evinces that the editors of that journal should be put to hoeing corn. ...

### THE NORTHWEST.

ILLINOIS.

The Fulton *Journal* says: Sheriff Pickens tells us that the wife of George Hyer, (sentenced to the Penitentiary for five years for horse stealing), followed her husband to the walls of the prison. ... in her devotion to her husband. No entreaty of husband, or friend, or stranger could move her to leave him in his long imprisonment."

IOWA.

Work has been suspended on the Sabula, Ackley & Dakota Railroad, because the company does not pay up. ... says contractor Davis is about to attach the road for his pay.

—The Oskaloosa *Herald* says that Jennie McIntosh, the girl who was arrested for murdering the babe found in the passenger car on the Des Moines Valley Road, ...

—The Storm Lake (Buena Vista County) *Pilot* says: "Near the northern limits of the town of Sioux Rapids is a ravine ... In 1864, an enthusiastic war meeting was held, and the electors voted to issue $10,000 in bonds at once, to raise soldiers for the war. The bonds were issued and sold, and the money was reported as spent, but not a single recruit was added to the army."

KANSAS.

United States Senator Ross has been turned out of the Typographical Union, of Lawrence, for setting type on a paper at Lawrence, a short time ago, when the printers were on a strike.

OHIO.

Henry V. Norton, who died in Cincinnati on Tuesday of last week, was the founder of the order of the Sons of Temperance in the West, twenty-six years since. He was the first elected Grand Scribe of the order in Ohio, and for the last sixteen years, and up to the time of his death, filled that office.

### MISCELLANEOUS.

A soldiers' monument is to be erected on Boston Common at an expense of $75,000.

—At a funeral at Newport, R. I., last week, ... wagon, completely enveloped in evergreens inside and out, was used for that purpose. ...

—A Norwich man who habitually drinks too much liquor, and falls asleep on the sidewalk, has a wonderful dog. When the man lies down and dozes, the dog takes him by the collar of his coat and gives a gentle pull. ...

—In 1840, the number of adult whites in the United States who could neither read nor write, amounted to ... As the census returns for 1870 have not yet been completed, it is impossible to ascertain the exact number of illiterate persons at present in the United States; ...

—The recent report of the United States Surveying Corps gives the following length of the great lakes, as follows: Superior, 355 miles; Michigan, 360; Huron, 200; Erie, 250; Ontario, 180.

—A passenger train from Suspension Bridge, one day last week, carried a young lady to Rochester, having, as part of her luggage, two black pigs about six weeks old. ...

—The latest bear story comes from Porcupine Valley, Nevada. ...

### PERSONAL.

—One John Sullivan, of Canaan, N. H., ...

—Ellen Hunt, daughter of Dr. Gunn, late editor of the San Francisco Press, has been appointed Assistant Librarian of the Mercantile Library in that city.

—Mr. Richard Wallace, the heir of the late Marquis of Hertford, has just given about 300,000 to the city of Paris, to buy fuel for the poor. ...

—The Boston *Transcript* says: ...

### POLITICAL.

Three counties in Georgia—Irwin, Appling, and Coffee—cast a unanimous Democratic vote, ...

—It is thought that the temperance men of New Hampshire will nominate the Republican candidate for Governor, Mr. Pike. Albert R. Hatch, of Portsmouth, seems to be gaining the favor of the Democrats for the same office.

—The following Legislatures have met or are to meet during the present month: Illinois, Arkansas, Louisiana, Nevada, Ohio, Missouri, Jan. 2; Delaware, Florida, Minnesota, New York, Pennsylvania, 3d; Indiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Wisconsin, 4th; Nebraska, 5th; Iowa, 9th; Kansas, New Jersey, West Virginia, 10th; Georgia, 11th. The following met in December: California, Kentucky, Virginia.

—The Hon. B. H. Hill, late Confederate States Senator from Georgia, and the Hon. D. L. Yulee, United States Senator from Florida in 1861, are both out in letters accepting the situation. ...

—William Lloyd Garrison writes of the San Domingo annexation: ...

### General Sheridan at Athens.

Athens (Dec. 16.) Correspondence of the New York Tribune.

General Sheridan, accompanied by Colonel Forsyth and Major Rutherford, arrived here on Monday, the 5th, from Constantinople, on the Austrian Lloyd's steamer. They left Versailles three weeks after the King of Prussia and his staff had established their headquarters there and the siege of Paris commenced, after having been present throughout the campaign in France, from the battle of Woerth to the capitulation of Sedan and Metz, as guests at the King of Prussia's headquarters. The rumors of military preparations in Russia with a view to attacking Turkey, and of a war likely to break out in this quarter, made them desirous to visit the East before leaving Europe. Hardly pressed for time, however, they could not do more than pay Constantinople and Athens a flying visit. ... They were received in private audience by the King of the Greeks, who expressed himself particularly delighted at the opportunity to make the personal acquaintance of one of the most dashing military leaders of the day. On Wednesday evening they were invited to a court ball, where they had an opportunity of seeing the *elite* of Athens society assembled, ... The General and his friends were presented by Mr. Tuckerman, United States Minister, to the Queen. ... From this soiree the General left for the Piraeus to embark on board the Messageries steamer for Messina and Italy.

### California Silk Making.

The silk manufacturers in California are succeeding excellently. The California Silk Company at San Francisco is about enlarging its facilities to keep up with its rapidly growing demands. The *Alta California* says: ...

### Camel-Breeding in Washoe.

A Nevada paper gives the following interesting account of the acclimation and use of camels in that State: ...

## BERLIN.

Attitude of Prussia on the Luxembourg Question.

German Requisitions in French Towns.

Arrest of Democratic Socialists.

Napoleon's Latest Pamphlet.

Local Intelligence.

[FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.]

BERLIN, Dec. 28.

As there is a general calm in military affairs just now, I shall content myself in this letter with giving some of the reports and general gossip which are interesting the people here.

I might mention first, however, that there is no little interest in the Luxembourg question, which grows in importance every day. Prussia congratulates herself on being able to take any step she pleases, without any nation daring to make opposition. Bismark felt perfectly safe in this last act of his, because, if England were to make it a casus belli, she would have both Russia and Prussia (and perhaps America) against her; ...

Transactions are being pushed forward, according to report, for the annexation of Luxembourg—not to Prussia, but to the German Kingdom. It is to be ceded to the Duke of Nassau, and the city of Luxembourg will again become a German fortress.

Among the reports circulating here, there is one that the European Cabinets have taken the question into consideration whether it is advisable to continue their representations any longer at the "Court of the Dictator Gambetta," and let them wander about with him from place to place.

The Prussian Journals express no little uneasiness over the formation in France of a "Polish Legion," and insinuate that it will raise difficulties with Russia, ...

As an example of the levies made in the French towns which the Germans take possession of, we may notice that in Rouen there have been demanded (not 15,000,000 francs, as is sometimes stated, or any money whatever), but 20,000 pairs of boots, 80,000 blankets, and large quantities of provisions. ... There are about 20,000 German soldiers in Rouen, the garrison numbering about 6,000.

The General-Governor along the coast, Vogel von Falkenstein, has issued an order to the effect that for every French officer who deserts ... This man has made many such threats, ...

The persistent socialists, Bebel and Liebknecht, of whose violent speeches in the Reichstag I spoke in a former letter, have been arrested in Leipsic, and are to be tried for high treason; also, one or two others who are arrested with them. ...

The answer of the King to the deputation of the Reichstag, offering him the Imperial crown, is quite commonplace, like all his addresses. ... The House of Lords (of the Prussian Landstag) is also preparing an address to him, as it is thought, which will be voted on to-morrow.

In answer to the request of the Royal Irish Academy and Dublin University, that the German Universities unite with them in securing the valuable documents from the works of art and the ... libraries in Paris, in the event of a bombardment, the University of Gottingen answers, (and the answer seems to be generally accepted by the German professors), ...

Napoleon has sent out another brochure from Wilhelmshohe, which has been translated into German and is scattered very freely through Germany. The title is "The Relation of France to Germany under Napoleon III." The author purports to be the Marquis de Gracourt, although, like several other documents by "high officers in the government or army," it is known to be from Napoleon himself. The aim is chiefly to show that Napoleon had positively decided against war in the Ministerial Council on the 13th of July, and was about to issue a proclamation which would have secured peace, when Emile Ollivier presented that, if such proclamation were issued, not only would the people condemn the Ministry, but it would bring Napoleon himself into unpopularity; ...

Napoleon is reported to have said, lately, that he does not expect to be replaced on the throne by the help of the soldiers, any more than by the help of Prussia. "I am," he says, "the only sovereign who reigns, through the grace of God, by the will of the people; and I will never be untrue to the source of my authority. ..."

On Saturday the hundredth anniversary of Beethoven's birth was celebrated throughout all Germany. ...

We have already mentioned certain efforts to eradicate the French customs from Germany by reforming the theatres and changing the names in Alsace and Lorraine back to their original German (Nancy, for example, to Nanzig, Thionville to Diedenhofen, etc.) In addition to these, there are now societies for the purpose. The ladies who assemble to work for the soldiers often pledge themselves not to use any French words or expressions, and impose a fine on those who break the pledge, the fines being appropriated for the benefit of the society. It is found, however, that, so strong are the French ways over them, and so honorable are they thought to be, that nearly all the ladies will violate it a few times in order to show their refinement. If the penalties were imposed for speaking the French incorrectly, there would, perhaps, be some effort to avoid them, though, even then, there would be considerable revenue.

### Curious Slander Case in Connecticut—An Ex-Postmaster and a Member of Congress in the Affair.

Hartford (Jan. 7) Correspondence of the Boston Advertiser.

The Hon. S. W. Kellogg, Republican member of Congress in the Second District, soon after his election, two years ago, caused the removal of Dr. Jacques from the Post Office in Waterbury, which led to a very bitter feeling between the two gentlemen. A long letter was published by Jacques, in a New York paper, ...

## THE LEGAL-TENDER ACT.

The City of Bangor Must Pay Gold on its Old Bonds.

Judge Charles W. Goddard, of the Superior Court in Portland, Me., has given a decision against the right of cities and corporations to pay, in legal-tender notes, the interest on bonds issued before 1862. The decision is able and interesting, and we print it in full: ...

—Decision for plaintiff for $60.50 in gold and silver coin of the United States.

—PORTLAND, Dec. 30, 1870.

### Man's Inhumanity to Man.

From the Jersey City Times, January 6.

John Porter, in the employ of Mr. Wood, of Hoboken, while engaged at work on a pile driver at Hackensack on Saturday evening, was struck by a piece of timber and died a few hours afterward. ...

## WHAT IS THIS MYSTERY?

Three Months' Confinement in a Station House—A Prisoner Whose Name the Authorities Conceal—Remarkable Reticence of the Police.

From the New York Times, Jan. 7.

For the past three months, a man has been confined in a cell of the Sixth Precinct Station House, under the most rigid surveillance, without being given any trial or examination. Two policemen have watched him night and day, under special orders not to divulge anything about the matter.

His name and offense have been kept a profound secret from every one, and so careful was Police Captain Kennedy about him that he received the title among the officers at the station house of the "Mysterious Prisoner." The best of food was furnished him, and everything was done to make him comfortable. A representative of the *Times* heard of this strange incarceration a short time ago, but found it impossible to obtain the least satisfactory information concerning him. According to description he is a tall, gentlemanly-looking man, with dark hair. The mysterious manner in which he has been guarded has given rise to a rumor that he was implicated in some way with the celebrated Nathan murder, but as yet the police officials have not made public the nature of his crime. A score of young working girls are employed in an establishment near the Tombs. Young girls are romantic and easily given to fiction, but this time, at least, their romance is one of real life, with substantial characters in it. It is of the mystic character of the Man in the Iron Mask, and, as detailed to a *Times* reporter by twenty-four young women, all speaking at once and in the shrillest key in their composition, runs as follows:

It was a bright sunshiny day, some three months ago, when a prisoner, a stout, dark-haired man was taken into the Sixth Precinct Station House. ...

Finally, however, the authorities having the prisoner in charge seem to have discovered this, for yesterday, on calling at his barred window as usual, the girls found that the cell was vacant. He had been spirited away during the night, but whether restored to liberty or consigned to some deeper dungeon, no one knew. A call at the station house developed no new facts concerning the prisoner. The sergeant in charge professed to know nothing of the case, and refused to be questioned. Captain Kennedy was not to be found yesterday afternoon, although repeated calls were made for the purpose of interviewing him concerning the mysterious stranger, his mysterious incarceration, and his mysterious disappearance. ... So, the mystery remains as puzzling as ever, despite the most diligent and careful researches. Only the police of the Sixth Precinct can explain why and by what authority a prisoner has been held in his cell in the station house for two or three months. That the mysterious stranger was so held, there are twenty intelligent working girls, employed in the building in Centre street, ready to testify, and not a few others elsewhere. Here is a poser for the police? Where is the legal or other law to warrant this proceeding with any prisoner, whatever his quality, color, or crime?

## MILLIONS AT STAKE.

Further Development of the Interminable Gaines Suit—The Strange Story of a Misused Power of Attorney.

From the St. Louis Times, Jan. 6.

Peter McNiff and others commenced an action in the Circuit Court, yesterday, to recover from William and Bennett Currie real estate worth between one and one and a half million of dollars. The petition states that Eleanor McNiff, the wife of Peter McNiff, is the daughter and sole heir of Eleanor O'Bierne, of Sligo, Ireland, who was the daughter of Mary Clark, of Germantown, Pennsylvania; also, that Mary Clark was the mother of Daniel Clark, of New Orleans, who, before his death, made a will devising all of his property to his mother, with the exception of ... which he gave to his natural daughter, Myra Clark, afterward married General Edward Pendleton Gaines. The estate which Daniel Clark devised to his mother consisted principally of real estate situated in Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas, and Missouri. Mary Clark, at her death, devised all these lands, together with the other property of which she was possessed, to her four children, one of whom was Eleanor O'Bierne, the mother of the wife of the plaintiff in this suit. In 1851 Peter McNiff and Eleanor, his wife, not having obtained possession of their portion of the estate of Mary Clark, which was then in litigation at the instance of Myra Clark Gaines, and having no money to employ counsel to look after their interests, gave one James Currie a power of attorney, annexed to and a part of a certain agreement, by which he engaged to attend in person to their business, and to adjust, by any means which he might see proper, the claims of Eleanor McNiff. A short time after the power of attorney was given to Currie he induced, so it is alleged, Peter and his wife, through false representations, to execute to him a deed relinquishing all their claims to the property in question, and advanced them $1,000. Currie, at the time the deed was made to him, told his clients that it was a mere formality, and would in no wise affect their title to the property; but that it was necessary for him to have it to make a satisfactory settlement with the other claimants to the property. The plaintiffs allege that Currie did not pay proper attention to the matter; that he neglected to attend to it according to the agreement entered into between them, and that up to the time of his death, a few years ago, he refused to make any statement of what had been done, although he had agreed to submit one annually. Mrs. McNiff died in 1862, and since then the matter has been in abeyance, until now her husband and children appeal to the court to compel the defendants, who are the sons and heirs-at-law of Currie, to comply with the contract their father entered into.

The property in this State for which the plaintiffs sue, includes several very valuable lots in this city, together with 7,000 arpents of land in Callaway County.

This suit will attract great interest, not only from the amount of property involved, but also because it affects the interests of the celebrated Myra Clark Gaines, who has been before the courts of this country in connection with this same estate for very nearly a half a century.

Prim and Decker are the attorneys for the plaintiffs.

### Minister Fabens' View of the St. Domingo Business.

Washington (Jan. 8) Dispatch to the New York Herald.

Mr. Joseph Fabens, who styles himself Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the Dominican Republic, arrived here yesterday, and sought an early opportunity of visiting the Executive Mansion. The particular purpose of his trip to Washington has not transpired, although it has, of course, some reference to the St. Domingo business. He says he intends to remain here until Congress disposes of the resolution to send a commission to the island. Mr. Fabens is one of the three confederates—Baez, Cazneau, and Fabens—whom Mr. Sumner in his speech characterized as political jockeys, who had conspired to sell their country. ... He believes that the commissioners would be able to complete their duties in from fifteen to twenty days, and, with a fast sailing vessel, reach Norfolk on their return by the 15th of February, provided they left New York by the 25th inst. He remarked that the United States has until the 1st of July next to ratify a treaty, and, if it is not ratified by that time, the North German Confederation will probably negotiate for the purchase of St. Domingo, ... Mr. Fabens is in receipt of letters from St. Domingo, dated December 16, forwarded via Havana, which represent the country in a prosperous condition and the people enjoying perfect tranquillity.

—A Mr. Beecher, of Sharon, Pa., slipped and fell, on the 6th ult., and the point of a lead pencil which he carried in his pocket penetrated his side, causing almost immediate death.

## CAMP BEFORE PARIS.

The Tour Around the City.

A Bivouac in a French Villa.

The Chateau of the Princess Mathilde.

Hermitage of Jean Jacques Rousseau.

[FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.]

MONTMORENCY, Dec. 10.

I am still here in the same town, the same house, but not in the same room, whence I wrote my last night's letter. Before proceeding any further, let me describe the room I slept in last night. This will convey to you a better idea of the state of things around Paris, the city of luxury, than I could otherwise portray to you. Imagine to yourself a large, square-built stone house, on the top of a hill, whence a superb view may be had of the valley below and the Lake of Enghein. This same house, whose first floor is being used now as the butcher-shop of the Ninety-third Regiment (while an Erard grand piano, which the owner had forgotten to take along with him, serves as the butcher's bench, on which the meat is cut up into rations), has, on the second floor, a large bedroom, the furniture of which consists of a good sized marble-top chimney-place, a bundle of straw that served me as a couch, an old wine bottle that even now serves me as my chandelier, and four window frames that once might have had glass in them. That under such circumstances my slumbers were not peaceful nor my dreams happy, you may well believe. Aside from the Esthian winds that blew merrily through my glassless windows, the incessant picket firing, with an occasional report of a ninety-pounder, kept up through the whole night a chorus that was not much calculated to lull me to sleep. My German neighbors inhabiting the lower floor assured me, however, that that night, compared to others they had seen here, was unusually quiet. Not more than two or three shells had been sent into the town during the whole week.

But to resume the thread of my story. I have to go back to last night, when the young Lieutenant had taken us to the commandant of the place, Major von Funke.

The Major, who is a fine specimen of a military gentleman, bade us take a seat, while he was to send an orderly to the Second Battalion to see whether we could not get quartered with them. While thus waiting, the Major, who is now in command of the Ninety-third, or the "Anhalt Dessau" Regiment, gave us a very graphic account of the battle of the 30th ult. ...

There stood in his room yet the Erard grand, with all the variety of music on the stand by its side, just as left by Madame or Mlle. Drasher, the proprietor of the villa. I could not notice, without being touched, the playthings of some poor, innocent, little one, who thus early in life has to experience the fate of an exile, lying scattered all over the room. ...

Our cold supper was more remarkable for its quantity than quality. ... Our supper done, in order to give us a surprise our host sent for one of his non-commissioned officers, who, on the above-mentioned grand piano, entertained us for nearly two hours by playing a variety of music, comprising polkas, waltzes, sonatas, symphonies, etc., that would have done honor to many a Chicago professor of music. I may add here that music in the German army is very extensively practised. Even here, on the very outposts, the regimental band plays every afternoon on the square. ...

After paying a hasty visit to the new bathing establishment, which is a two-story rectangular building, ...

## TRAGEDY IN SAN FRANCISCO.

A Young Man Shoots the Seducer of His Sister.

From the San Francisco Bulletin, Jan. 2.

Dennis Gunn, a young man about 20 years of age, yesterday forenoon was at work at his ... Murphy had seduced his sister Maggie, a young lady 18 years of age, and was publicly boasting ... Gunn immediately left his work, and seeking his sister, instituted rigorous inquiries as to the truth of the report. She persistently denied having had improper intimacy with Murphy. Gunn, however, satisfied himself that, whether such was the case or not, Murphy had been making boastful avowal of it, and had told different persons that he could gain for them the same favors which he had received. Enraged by the terrible disclosures, Gunn armed himself, sought Murphy at his house, 534 Pine street, above Kearny. He had never met Murphy, and did not know him by sight. As he neared the house Murphy was coming out. He accosted him with the query, "Is your name Murphy—Edward J. Murphy?" Murphy replied that it was. Gunn instantly drew a revolver and exclaiming, "Then, d— you, take that," and fired. As he drew, Murphy turned and ran. The ball took effect in the side of the head, just above the right ear, ranging upward into the brain. Murphy fell senseless instantly. The shot, sudden and unexpected as it was, and observed by but few, immediately drew together a crowd. A man who was standing across the street at the time of the shooting, arrested Gunn and took him toward the station house. The latter made no resistance, and manifested no desire to escape. A large crowd followed the prisoner and his citizen captor. Reaching Kearny street they met two policemen, who were hastening to the scene of the tragedy, and who took Gunn in charge and conveyed him to the City Prison.

The shot, which was fired almost directly in front of Murphy's house, brought out his wife, ...

Murphy was a painter by trade. His reputation has been anything but favorable. ...

Gunn has secured the legal services of Daniel J. Murphy.

## ANOTHER EXPRESS ROBBERY.

Bold Attempt to Assassinate a Messenger—Escape of the Robber.

From the Albany Knickerbocker, Jan. 7.

Our community was again startled last night by the report that another express robbery had been perpetrated and the express messenger murdered. Upon inquiry we learned the following particulars: The regular express train for Boston left the depot in this city at 9:20 p. m. It consisted of two coaches, a sleeping car, one baggage and one express car. In the latter was Thomas A. Halpin, the express messenger. He was alone in charge of the car.

Soon after the train started out of the depot, and was about to cross the bridge, a man jumped in the car, and immediately discharged a pistol at Mr. Halpin. ...

We are informed that the sum which was in the safe and cannot be found amounted to $3,259. ...

Robber: I thought it was Woodruff!

Messenger: Woodruff ain't on to-night. What's your name?

Robber: My name is Jones. (Just then the robber had entered the car.) Do you throw off freight anywhere between here and Chatham?

Messenger: No.

The conversation threw the messenger off his guard. ...

The physicians are of the opinion that the wounded messenger cannot possibly live over twenty-four hours. ...

Mr. Henry D. Wright, Superintendent of the express company, ...

## ADDRESS TO AMERICANS.

The Workingmen of England to their Brethren in the United States, on the War and the Alabama Claims.

At a meeting of the Labor Representation League, held at their rooms in Cockspur street, London, Mr. Robert M. Latham, President, in the chair, on the motion of ... the following address to the workingmen of America, on the war and the Alabama claims, was unanimously agreed to, and copies of the same were ordered to be forwarded to English press and to the principal American papers:

WORKINGMEN OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: ...

(Signed) ROBERT M. LATHAM, President. ... LLOYD JONES, Secretary.

Offices of the Labor Representation League, Cockspur street, Charing Cross, London, Dec. 22.

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$11,000 IN CASH PRIZES.

A GRAND GIFT CONCERT WILL BE GIVEN BY THE

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Tickets of Admission, $2.00,

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| 1 Gift | ....... | $3,000 |
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## THE LAW COURTS.

A Minister of the Gospel Sues for His Salary.

Petitions for Mechanics' Liens Upon the Globe Theatre.

The Responsibility of a Commercial Guarantee.

### United States Circuit Court.

Actions of assumpsit were commenced in this court by Mary E. Pomeroy, who claims from the Knickerbocker Life Insurance Company $5,000; ...

### United States District Court.

COUNTERFEITING.

The Court (Blodgett, J.) was yesterday engaged in the trial of an indictment against an old resident of Chicago, one George W. Gilbert, who was charged with having making a nickel (five cent) coin. ...

IN BANKRUPTCY.

...

### Circuit Court.

UNEXPECTED COURTS.

There is on trial before Judge Erskine an action of assumpsit brought by ... for services as a pastor of the German Lutheran Church, ...

RAILROAD DAMAGES.

An action on the case against the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company was on trial ...

JUDGMENTS

were rendered in this court in favor of The Union National Bank of Chicago ...

### Superior Court.

COMMERCIAL LAW.

...

### County Court.

AN INFORMAL TESTAMENT.

...

### Criminal Court.

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### The Police Courts.

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### REAL ESTATE.

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Superior Court.

County Court.

Criminal Court.

The Police Courts.

REAL ESTATE.

# BOARD OF POLICE.

Fire Department Statistics for December.

Quarterly Report of the Superintendent of Police.

A regular semi-weekly meeting of the Board of Police and Fire Commissioners was held at the Central Station, yesterday afternoon, President Brown in the chair.

# HOME OF THE FRIENDLESS.

Annual Meeting of the Board of Incorporators.

Reports of Treasurer, Matron, Managers, Etc.

The twelfth yearly meeting of the corporation of the Home for the Friendless was held yesterday at the Home, No. 911 Wabash avenue.

# AMUSEMENTS.

M'VICKER'S THEATRE.

Mrs. D. P. Bowers commenced her third season in this city, last evening, at McVicker's, with her personation of *Mary Stuart*.

# COMMON COUNCIL.

Appointment of Additional Members of Standing Committees.

The Lake Park Imbroglio—Information Wanted of Ex-Comptroller Kimball.

Street Improvements, Sidewalks, Gas-Lamps, &c.

A regular meeting of the Common Council was held last evening, President Holden in the chair.

# THE WEST.

Hotel Burned at Georgetown, Col.—Railroad Project—Remarkable Silver Yield—Trade of Denver, &c.

A Girl Takes a Nap of Five Days and Nights, and Wakes Up as Well as Ever—The Tennessee Sleeping Beauty Outdone.

# WISCONSIN.

Near Meeting of the Legislature—Important Work and Exciting Questions—What Manner of Men are to Settle Them.

Arrival of Legislators in Madison—Candidates for the Various Offices—Condition of Judge Paine—Railroad Opening.

First Passenger Train Over the Ottawa, Oswego & Fox River Valley Railroad.

# MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

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# COMMERCIAL.

The following table shows the receipts and shipments of produce at this point during the past forty-eight hours:

# CHICAGO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

# CHICAGO DAILY MARKET.

# MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

New York Live Stock Market.

New York Dry Goods Market.

The Produce Markets.

MILWAUKEE.

NEW YORK.

PHILADELPHIA.

BALTIMORE.

TOLEDO.

CINCINNATI.

STATE LEGISLATURES.


MEDICAL Cards.

A Card to the Ladies.

Dr. A. G. Olin.

Dr. Clark.

Samaritan's Gift.

Dr. Raphael.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

Batchelor's Hair Dye.

OCEAN STEAMERS.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY'S Through Line to California and China.

FOR CHINA AND JAPAN.

PROPOSALS.

ARTESIAN WELL.


RAILROAD TIME-TABLE.

Arrival and Departure of Trains.

WINTER ARRANGEMENT.

## STATE LEGISLATURES.

### Yesterday's Proceedings in the Illinois General Assembly.

### Senate Bill Brought Forward to Regulate Railroad Passenger Charges.

### The Registry Law—Rights of Married Women.

### The Senatorial Question.

ILLINOIS.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

INDIANA.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

MICHIGAN.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS.

SENATE.

SPRINGFIELD, Jan. 9.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Greggs.

## FOREIGN.

### Progress of the Siege of Paris.

### The Prussians Following Up the French in the Valley of the Loire.

FRANCE.

THE SIEGE OF PARIS.

LONDON, Jan. 9.—Telegrams from Versailles to-day say: "The American Consul has been permitted to leave Paris, and has arrived here.

"The Prussian guns could easily shell the city.

"Several houses in Paris are on fire.

"There has, apparently, not been much firing to-day.

"The French redoubt at Notre Dame Delamort has been occupied by the Prussians, and its fire turned against the French.

"There is no appearance of a sortie. The Prussian losses still insignificant."

Another of the correspondents at Versailles telegraphs on the 7th:

"The bombardment of the forts of southern Paris is steadily continued. The fire of the French has slackened. It is supposed that several guns have been dismounted.

"The weather is favorable for siege operations."

GERMANY.

ROUMANIA.

NEW YORK.

Special Despatch to the Chicago Tribune.

MONEY.

ILLINOIS.

Killed by a Fall from a Horse—Water Supply at the Jacksonville Deaf and Dumb Institution.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

## THE ENGLISH MISSION.

(Continued from First Page.)

## TEMPERANCE REFORM.

### Annual Meeting of the Washingtonian Home Association.

### Reports Showing the Moral and Financial Condition of the Institution.

FINANCIAL.

REPORTS.

## YESTERDAY'S FIRES.

### Destructive Conflagrations on State and Twenty-second Streets.

There were two extensive conflagrations in the South Division, last evening, which resulted in the destruction of about $15,000 worth of property, and in depriving several families of an abiding-place.

ON TWENTY-SECOND STREET.

ON STATE STREET.

IN AN ALLEY.

## THE CITY IN BRIEF.

Illinois and Michigan Canal.

Meteorological.

Miscellaneous.

## WENDELL PHILLIPS.

### Discussion by the Great Orator of "The Questions of To-Morrow."

### Temperance, Labor, and Woman's Claim to the Ballot.

Wendell Phillips lectured last evening in Farwell Hall, before a large audience, on "The Questions of To-Morrow." He had come to spend an hour in discussing the three great questions of the time, Labor, Temperance, and Woman's Claim to the Ballot.

Brand's Temple of Art.

Cod Liver Oil.

Hazard & Caswell's cod liver oil is the best.

The Knabe Piano.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31, 1870.

CHRISTINA NILSSON.

The Oakes Ames Failure.

The New Haven Home Insurance Company.

The Albany Express Robbery.

Detroit Market.


## BUSINESS NOTICES.

Jonas Whitcomb's Asthma Remedy.

Burnett's Cocoaine is the cheapest and the best hair-dressing.

Burnett's superior extracts of Lemon, Vanilla, &c.

Cutaneous diseases cured by using Juniper Tar Soap, made by Caswell, Hazard & Co. New York.

For Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Depression of Spirits and General Debility.

Burnett's Kalliston is the best preparation extant for beautifying the complexion and curing skin diseases.


## MARRIED.

## DIED.


## AUCTION SALES.

By THAYER, CURRY & CO.

UNRESERVED SALE OF A VALUABLE IMPROVED PROPERTY, House and Lot No. 113 Walnut-st.

ALSO, UNIMPROVED LOTS ON PARK-AV., WARREN, WASHINGTON, AND LAKE-STS., AT AUCTION,

By THAYER, CURRY & CO., Auctioneers, On TUESDAY, Jan. 10, 1871, at 11 o'clock a. m., at Salesroom, 103 Dearborn-st.

TERMS AT SALE.

By ALFRED DAY & CO.

Chattel Mortgage Sale, At 163 South Clark-st., On WEDNESDAY, January 11, at 10 a. m.

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By GEO. P. GORE & CO., 22, 24, and 26 Randolph-st.

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Dry Goods, Clothing, Piece Goods, Gents' Underwear, Hosiery, Nubias, and Furs.

GEO. P. GORE & CO.

SHERIFF'S SALE, On WEDNESDAY, January 11, at 9½ a. m., of the entire stock of a city

Retail Boot and Shoe Dealer,

By order of T. M. BRADLEY, Sheriff.

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At the same time will be offered 350 Cases Prime, well-assorted Boots, Shoes, Rubbers and Fur-Lined Goods.

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THE RICHMOND HOUSE FURNITURE Under the Hammer!

The Entire Furniture and Fixtures of the Richmond House TO BE SOLD AT AUCTION On TUESDAY, Jan. 17.

THE FURNITURE.

FIXTURES.

BILLIARD ROOM.

The whole will be sold regardless of price.

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By HENRY FELTMAN.

## FINANCIAL.

FOR SALE—"A1" MORTGAGES AND NOTES.

$2,000 AND $500 TO LOAN.

$40,000 TO LEND ON ILLINOIS FARMS.

## BUSINESS CHANCES.

$350 WILL SECURE TO THE RIGHT MAN.

$500 WILL BUY A HALF INTEREST.

## AMUSEMENTS.

MLLE. NILSSON IN ORATORIO, AT FARWELL HALL.

MLLE. NILSSON'S Last Appearances in Chicago,

TO-MORROW (Wednesday) and THURSDAY.

NILSSON IN ORATORIO.

THE MESSIAH.

THE CREATION.

HOOLEY'S OPERA HOUSE.

MINSTRELSY AND BURLESQUE OPERA.

AIKEN'S MUSEUM.

LITTLE EMLY.

McVICKER'S THEATRE.

MRS. D. P. BOWERS,

MARY STUART.

Mr. J. C. McCOLLOM.

DEARBORN THEATRE.

MANNING'S MINSTRELS.

FARWELL HALL.

CROSBY OPERA HOUSE.

THE GRAND PAGEANT, THE 12 TEMPTATIONS.

CROSBY'S MUSIC HALL.

## CITY REAL ESTATE.

## SUBURBAN REAL ESTATE.

## COUNTRY REAL ESTATE.

## REAL ESTATE WANTED.

## WANTED TO RENT.

## HOUSEHOLD GOODS.

## CLAIRVOYANTS.

## HELP WANTED—MALE.

## HELP WANTED—FEMALE.

## TO RENT—HOUSES.

## TO RENT—ROOMS.

## TO RENT—STORES, OFFICES, &C.

## LOST AND FOUND.

## HORSES AND CARRIAGES.

## SEWING MACHINES.

## SITUATIONS WANTED—MALE.

## SITUATIONS WANTED—FEMALE.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

## BOARDING AND LODGING.

## BOARD WANTED.

## AGENTS WANTED.

## PARTNERS WANTED.

## FOR SALE.

## MACHINERY.

## MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS.

## PERSONAL.


## WASHINGTON.

### Proceedings in Congress Yesterday.

### The San Domingo Resolutions Amended and Sent to the Senate.

### Senate Debate on Mr. Trumbull's Civil Service Reform Bill.

### The McGarrahan Case Considered by the House Judiciary Committee.

### Story Afloat that Secretary Fish will Soon Resign.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

TRUMBULL'S CIVIL SERVICE REFORM BILL.

THE SAN DOMINGO RESOLUTIONS.